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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office action dated October 5, 2005, having a shortened statutory period expiring January 5, 2006. Applicants submit herewith a petition for two (2) months extension of time within which to file this Response to Non-Final Office Action, such extension allowing applicants until March 6, 2006 (March 5, 2006 being a Sunday). Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.